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1. SUMMARY. SUBCOMMITTEE III (STRUCTURE) MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUP NOVEMBER 23 AND 24 HEARD ECUADORAN PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD INCREASE MEMBERSHIP OF PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF CIES AND CIECC TO INCLUDE ALL PARTICIPATING MEMBER COUNTRIES, WITH REPRESENTATION THEREON TO BE PROVIDED BY PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE OAS IN WASHINGTON. PROPOSAL WOULD ELIMINATE POSITIONS OF EXISTING CHAIRMEN. PLAN HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE COMMENTARY FROM AT LEAST SEVEN COUNTRIES. NO CHARTER CHANGES ENVISAGED,
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REFTEL FOR REPORT ON GENERAL AND FIRST SUBCOMMITTEES.)
END SUMMARY.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE III WAS CONVOKED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PHASE III ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23. ESTABSLISHED AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP OF NINE TO FUNCTION WITHOUT INTERPRETING SERVICES OR OFFICIAL MINUTES. OBSERVATIONS ON THE RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT SOLICITED BY THE CHAIR BROUGHT A REQUEST FROM PERU TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE IN THAT REPORT TO THE WORKING DOCUMENT IT HAD PRESENTED DURING PHASE II ON THE ESTABLISHEMENT OF A PERMANENT COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND A PERMANENT POLITICAL/JURIDICAL COUNCIL (CEESI S.C. III DOC 25).

3. THE CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED U.S. CONTENTION THAT THOSE EXPLICIT FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WERE NOT THE SUBJECT OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT WERE CONSIDERED TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE AS THEY NOW STAND IN THE CHARTER EVEN THOUGH AT PRESENT THE RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT DOES NOT REFLECT THIS UNDERSTANDING. U.S. ALSO REQUESTED CERTAIN MINOR CHANGES BE MADE IN REPORT WHICH WOULD IMPROVE THE TEXT. ALL CHANGES WERE HELD IN ABEYANCE IN ABSENCE OF RAPPORTEUR SCAFFINI.

4. WORKING GROUP ON NOVEMBER 23 AND 24 REVIEWED SUBCOMMITTEE III AGENDA ITESM IX AND X; THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE (S.C. III, DOC 9, CORR 1).

5. ECUADOR (VEINTIMILLA) IN LENGTHY EXPOSITION, NOTED THAT STRUCTURAL REVISIONS REQUIRING CHANGES IN THE CHARTER WOULD TAKE SOME THREE TO FIVE YEARS TO IMPLEMENT WHEREAS IMPROVEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS THROUGH INCREASED EFFECIENCY AND CLOSER COORDINATION AMONG THE THREE COUNCILS WAS URGENTLY REQUIRED.

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6. ECUADOR PROPOSED AN INTERIM AND TRANSITIONAL SOLUTION THAT HAS FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL FEATURES:
A. MEMBERSHIP IN THE SO-CALLED "PERMANENT" EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF CIES AND CIECC WOULD BE INCREASED TO 23 AND THESE COMMITTEES WOULD MEET THROUGHOUT THE YEAR MUCH AS DOES THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL AT PRESENT.
B. PRESENTATION OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE

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COMMITTEES OF CIES AND CIECC WOULD BE OBTAINED FROM
THE PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE OAS IN WASHINGTON,
WHICH IN SOME INSTANCES ALREADY IS THE OAS AMBASSADOR
OR ONE OF HIS DESIGNATED ALTERNATES.

7. AMONG THE ADVANTAGES CLAIMED BY VEINTIMILLA FOR
THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE ELIMINATION OF "DICTATORIAL
BUREUACRACIES" WHICH HAVE GROWN UP IN THE PERMANENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES SUPPORTING THE TWO TECHNICAL
COUNCILS AT A COST OF UPWARDS OF $700,000 ANNUALLY.

8. UNDER ECUADOR'S PLAN POSITIONS OF CHAIRMAN OF
CLAP AND CEPCIECC WOULD DISAPPEAR AND BE FILLED BY
ROTATING CHAIRMEN SELECTED FROM 23 COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES. EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIES (SEDWITZ AND MARTINEZ) WOULD BE SECRE-
TARIES TO RESPECTIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

9. PLAN ALSO CALLS FOR PERMANENT COORDINATING
BODY WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH TECHNICAL MATTERS
MUCH AS PREMANENT COUNCIL IN ROLE OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
DOES IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND
BUDGETARY AREAS. COORDINATINB BODY CONTEM-
PLATES PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBER STATES, FOR EXAMPLE,
OBSERVERS FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

10. ACCORDING TO VEINTIMILLA DELEGATIONS OF THE
FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE PRIVATELY INDICATED TO
HIM THEY FAVOR HIS PROPOSAL, AT LEAST, AS AN INTERIM
SOLUTION: PERU, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA
AND COLOMBIA. IT IS EVIDENT FROM STATEMEMTS MADE
AND QUESTIONS ASKED IN WORKING GROUP THAT THIS IS
TRUE. U.S. HAS LIMITED ITS COMMENTS TO DATE TO
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STATEMENT THAT IT SEES MANY GOOD POINTS IN PROPOSAL
AND AWAITS WRITTEN VERSION TO BE PRESENTED BY
ECUADOR ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

11. IT APPEARS THAT CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP
(ALVAREZ OF URUGUAY) PLANS TO INCLUDE IN REPORT TO
SPECIAL COMMITTEE COVERING COMMITTEE III ACTIVITIES
A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE STRUCTURAL PROPOSAL OF
ECUADOR BE EXAMINED IN DEPTH, LOOKING TOWARD FINAL
RECOMMENDATION TO OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATLANTA
IN APRIL 1974 FOR STATUTE, NON-CHARTER CHANGES OF
TRANSITIONAL NATURE.
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